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Amendment to the Specification:

[0076] The present inventors have unexpectedly found that polynucleotide-containing species can be adsorbed to microparticles at high levels. For example, as seen from Table 2 *infra*, for target loads of microparticles containing 8, 12, 16 and 20 wt%, compositions have been prepared by the present inventors in which ~~of an adsorbed~~ polynucleotide-containing species (i.e., a polypeptide-antigen-encoding vector construct, more specifically a pCMV plasmid DNA) are adsorbed with loading efficiencies ranging from 54 to 78%. ~~have been prepared by the present inventors.~~ Perhaps even more unexpectedly, the increased adsorption levels of the polynucleotide-containing species were found to result in a corresponding increase in the immunogenicity that is observed upon injection into host animals (i.e., mice).